



# City of Norfolk

Office of the City Manager

C: Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response

October 3, 2006

To the Honorable Council  
City of Norfolk, Virginia

Re: A Resolution approving and adopting the  
Southside Hampton Roads Hazard  
Mitigation Plan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I. **Recommended Action:** Adopt resolution.

II. **Overview**

This agenda item approves the Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is structured to reduce damages and save lives in the event of a natural disaster in the region.

III. **Analysis**

A. **General**

The Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan is the result of a comprehensive planning process undertaken in the region.

B. **Fiscal**

There is no fiscal impact to the City resulting from support of this resolution; however, official support by the City Council is essential for potential future funding from both the state and federal government.

C. **Environmental**

N/A

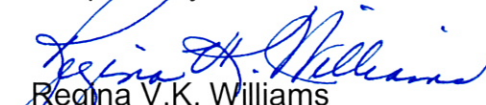
D. **Community Outreach/Notification**

Public notification for this item was conducted through the City of Norfolk's agenda notification process.

**IV. Conclusion**

The Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan promotes regional efforts to mitigate and reduce damage in the event of a natural disaster; therefore it is recommended that City Council adopt the attached resolution.


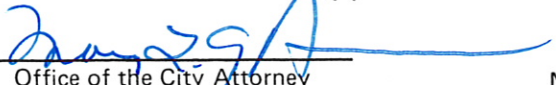
Respectfully submitted,



Regina V.K. Williams  
City Manager

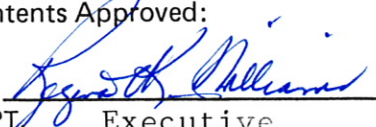
**Coordination/Outreach**

This project has been coordinated within the Department of Emergency Preparedness and Response and the City Attorney's Office.

Form and Correctness Approved: By   
Office of the City Attorney

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## Resolution

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE  
SOUTHSIDE HAMPTON ROADS HAZARD MITIGATION  
PLAN TO REDUCE DAMAGES AND SAVE LIVES IN THE  
EVENT OF A NATURAL DISASTER IN THE REGION.

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WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce the Nation's mounting natural disaster losses, the U. S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 that requires, in part, that state and local governments develop a hazard mitigation plan in order to remain eligible for pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding; and

WHEREAS, the Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan ("Plan"), dated June, 2006, was prepared in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is the result of a comprehensive planning process undertaken by Isle of Wight County, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Smithfield Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Windsor that included regional meetings and public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides a blueprint for helping localities reduce damages and save lives in the event of a natural disaster in the region; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the City hereby approves and adopts the Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan to reduce damages and to save lives in the event of a natural disaster in the region.

Section 2:- That this Resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.